

State Food Safety Index

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In news— Recently, the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare released FSSAI's 3rd State Food Safety Index (SFSI) for 2020-21 to measure the performance of States across five parameters of food safety.

About State Food Safety Index (SFSI)-

- The index is based on performance of State/ UT on **five significant parameters**, namely;
- Human Resources and Institutional Data(with 20% weightage).
- Compliance(with 30% weightage).
- Food Testing-Infrastructure and Surveillance(with 20% weightage).
- Training & Capacity Building(with 10% weightage).
- Consumer Empowerment(with 20% weightage).
- The Index is a dynamic **quantitative and qualitative benchmarking model** that provides an objective framework for evaluating food safety across all States/UTs.
- **Gujarat topped the ranking** among the large states followed by Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- Among the **smaller states, Goa, Meghalaya** and Manipur grabbed top three positions.
- **Among UTs, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman and Nicobar Islands** and New Delhi secured top ranks.
- **Criteria for ranking are** Infrastructure and Surveillance, Training and Capacity Building, Consumer Empowerment.
- The first State Food Safety Index for the year 2018-19 was announced on the first-ever World Food Safety Day on 7th June, 2019.

Other initiatives-

- The Minister also launched various innovative

initiatives by FSSAI including the **Eat Right Research Awards and Grants** to encourage and recognize high-quality research in the area of food safety and nutrition in India.

- A logo for Vegan Foods for easy identification and distinction from non-vegan foods for empowering consumers to make informed food choices.

24 food businesses signed a pledge on becoming “**Plastic Waste Neutral**” by collecting, processing and recycling of 100% post-consumer plastic waste from across the sources.